

## The Pocahontas Times,

Hear, Land o' Cakes and brother Scots,  
Frae Maiden Kirk to Johnny Groat,  
If there's a hole in a' your coats,  
I rede ye tent it:  
A cheel's amang you takin' notes,  
An' faith he'll print it. — BURNS

### Local Events.

Wm. T. Beard is at Addison using the waters.

John Sydenstricker and family, of Lewisburg, are visiting in the Levels.

Alvin Clark threshed on his farm in the Levels 806 bushels of wheat.

Jim Smith is working with Mr Hunter, C. E., at the residency at Academy.

W. W. Tyree, merchant, sent 500 spring chickens to Ronceverte Monday.

Monday night a dance was held in the rooms of the Marlinton Col- tillion Club.

S. W. Holt and family, of Lewisburg, are visiting in Pocahontas and Randolph.

Mr Dickison and wife, of Mon- terey, are visiting G. F. Crummett, in Marlinton.

Ambrose Hill and wife, from Webster County, are visiting relatives near Lobelia.

William Correll died suddenly at his home near Frankford, Monday, from a paralytic stroke.

Twelve cars unloaded construction supplies at Huttonsville Monday to be transported to the Forks of Greenbrier River.

Misses Mary and Carrie Dudley, of Staunton, who have been visiting Mrs E. L. Beard, at Academy, returned home this week.

Rev S. G. Callison, of the Baptist Church, will preach at Marlinton on the first Sunday in September at 3 o'clock.

Heavy rain storms are reported throughout this section on Monday. High winds and lightning did considerable damage about Lewisburg.

S. J. Boggs takes all kinds of produce and sells goods cheaper than ever. Come, bring your cash and produce with you, and see. He pays 15c for butter and 10c for eggs.

Married, August 12, by Rev W. T. Price, at Hotel McLaughlin, Francis Morton Hamrick of Webster county and Miss Ann Tacy of Driftwood, Pocahontas county.

Mrs Hanson Dilley and Mrs Boud Hannah were thrown from a buggy by a runaway horse, on Elk Monday. Mrs Dilley suffered several broken ribs and a severe con- cussion of the spine.

Miss Susie A. Price, of this place, will go to Baltimore this fall to study medicine, taking the M. D. course either at the Johns Hopkins University, or the Woman's Medical College.

Grandpap McLaughlin went to the huckleberry woods on Thomas Creek last week and picked 33 gallons of huckleberries, and brought them to the McLaughlin House. He did not kill, see or hear any rattlesnakes on his itinerary.

It is not the noise of the cannon that kills, but the shot. It's not the drag that gets us your trade—it's our prices. Mason quart jars 65c; one-half gallon jars 80c per dozen. Best granulated Sugar 60c. Other goods proportionately low. L. D. Sharp, Linnwood, W. Va.

A Correction.—The new Methodist church to be erected at Academy is to be a frame building, extreme dimensions 48 x 93 feet. The plans of W. A. Cann, architect, of St. Louis, are to be used. Joseph Knapp is the contractor and the cost of the church is to be \$3300. The corner-stone is of Pocahontas marble.

J. H. D.

Grady McNeel, the eight year old son of John A. McNeel, of Farmington, Washington, met with serious misfortune in the loss of his remaining eye. When a very young child he upset in his face a can of liquid potash destroying the sight of an eye. A week or so since when playing with hammer and nails and a nail flew up and struck the pupil of the other eye, destroying the sight.

### Two Camping Parties.

Residents of Marlinton feel complimented that the town and vicinity possesses enough advantages as a rural retreat to attract two large camping parties from Lewisburg and vicinity, who are now in our midst. They arrived on last Wednesday, and everyone is glad they came for the life their presence lends the town.

One party, calling themselves The Elks, encamped at the mouth of Stony Creek. Two nights were spent spearing fish by torchlight. On Saturday they went to the Elk region to spend a few days. Following are the names of the members of this party: Mr and Mrs Howard Arbuckle, Misses New- man, Caldwell; Julia, Emily, and Mary Lynn Arbuckle, Anna and Lula McLaughlin, Madge Dobbs, Ann Brown, and Messrs Van Leer, Farrier; Sandy, Houston, Charles, and Stewart Arbuckle, Edgar and Lee McLaughlin.

The other party pitched their tents, seven in number, at the Re-union Ground on an island in the Big Bend of Knapp's Creek. They have given it the euphonious name Camp "Hillbilly."

Those composing the party are Misses Mary Eliza and Dottie Mathews, Nina Holt, Lillian Moffett, Mamie McChesney, Junie Price, Emma Beard, Emma Brown, Mat- tie Porterfield, Mary Moore, McClung, Daisy Freamster, Venable of Charleston, and McLean of Texas. Chaperones, Mrs W. D. Slaven and Miss Nannie McVeigh, Messrs Slaven, Wallace, VanSickle, Dice, Melville, Snyder, Bell, Arbuckle, McWhorter, McClung, Dwyer, and Kinsolving.

The location of the camp is an ideal spot for such a purpose. It is secluded, and yet convenient to the town of Marlinton. The place has of late been a popular resort for picnickers. The weather too has been most delightful.

Tuesday evening the Marlinton people assembled at Camp Hillbilly, and the campers arranged a delightful entertainment. Mr Kinsolving read a canto of a clever epic poem, describing the doings of the "Hillbillies." A charming piece, "A Cup of Chocolate," was acted at the camp fire by Misses Alderson, Price, Porterfield, Holt, Venable and Mathews. The Messrs Dice and Snyder composed the orchestra.

### Death of John Burgess.

Last Saturday evening John Burgess, of Mill Point, died suddenly of heart disease, for which he was being treated.

T. S. McNeel and J. F. Hill were on their way to Marlinton and found him lying in the road near the Steven Hole run. Thinking there was nothing serious the matter with him they carried him to the side of the road, and rode up to his nearest neighbor Frank Thomson, and told him. He was not dead at this time, as he muttered something which they could not understand. Late in the evening Frank Harper came by on his way home from Webster Court. He examined him and not finding any sign of life became alarmed about his condition and had him carried into Ellis Stewart's house which was close. The point the body was found was not over a quarter of a mile from his own home.

Dr McClinic was telephoned for and they worked to resuscitate the stricken man, but when the Doctor arrived he pronounced him dead, and had been so far at least an hour and a half.

The remains were buried in the McNeel graveyard last Sunday. Services were held at the Marvin Church. A large crowd attended the obsequies. Rev J. H. Dills conducted the services.

The deceased was about 35 years of age. He leaves surviving him a wife and two children, one a baby about two weeks old. He was a son of Williams Burgess, of Academy. He had been twice married. His first wife was a Miss Rock. After her death he married a daughter of Michael Scales, who survives him.

### The Busy Bee.

Bee-keepers throughout this section are wondering why the bees did not swarm this year. One man with seventy five hives had but three swarms; others with eight or ten had but a single swarm, and many did not succeed in multiplying their stock by a single colony.

However it has been a notable season for the bee-farmer, and the stores of honey secured are great. One hive belonging to the writer yielded a surplus of 112 pounds, and three others about 84 pounds each. James Gibson on Ell se- secured 1200 pounds.

Those who have a sufficient number of colonies consider it a fortunate circumstance when the bees show no disposition to throw off swarms, and thus devote their full strength to the storage of honey in the parent hive.

A concert will be given tonight (Thursday) at the old Court-house. Some very talented musicians from abroad will assist. The proceeds for the benefit of the Lewisburg Female Institute.

### EDRAY.

An outing party from Lewisburg passed here Saturday morning going over on Elk.

James White and Cornelius Barlow have started their threshers in this vicinity. We wish them success.

Prof. Davis Barlow has gone to Franklin as instructor of the Pe- dleton County Institute, now in session. It is needless to say that Mr Barlow will do good work there.

Rev George P. Moore returned Monday from the dedication of the Morgan Memorial M. E. Church. He reports the inebriety on the church paid.

A. J. Smith and daughter Miss Allie have returned from Webster Springs. Mr Smith got home sick and had to make the home folks a visit. He expects to go back to the Springs again.

Samuel B. Moore and Alvin R. Gay keep close to business in the store. Geo P. Moore and Miss Lena Moore are on hand also to sell goods when necessary.

We were well supplied with preaching in this vicinity last Sunday. Rev Dr Sydenstricker held a meeting at Poage Lane school house; Rev Callison at Hamlin on Stony Creek, in the morning; Rev Anderson at the Draft in the morn- ing, and Rev Atkinson at Edray in the evening.

During the thunder storm Monday the thunder frightened Joseph Barlow's horses so that they ran away with him and hurt him badly. Dr Cunningham was called. We have not learned what condition Mr Barlow is in this morning (Tuesday).

Still the people in this vicinity go berrying. A party went to the Mc- Neel hacking Monday. The chance for berries considering the season was fair, but the chance for a wetting was also favorable. About noon the down-pour came, and while the people at home were rejoicing over a good and refreshing rain, the berry pickers were sighing for a time between showers to get home. The picture man ought to have been there to get the picture of a certain party taking shelter under a tree. A. M.

### ARBOVALE.

The corn crop of this section will be light owing to the present drought.

H. J. Cowgar made a flying trip to Traveler's Rest last week on business.

Sol W. Phares is doing a large business in his harness shop.

Hay harvest is about over. The meadows were light and fall pasture will be short.

The Silver Tongued Auctioneer spent several hours in town Saturday.

A kissing-bug was seen hanging over the gate near J. L. D.'s store recently.

The sick, as far as known, are scarce.

O. G. Arbogast captured a hawk last week. He is still on exhibition; that is, the owl.

Gordon Slaven has undertaken to complete C. O. Tracy's well, commenced by Karacoff, of Doe Hill, Virginia.

Pearl Reet is still working for Mr Hevener.

A number of our people are out on old Cheat Mountain this week for black berries.

E. M. Arbogast is having his timber land surveyed.

The sound of the steam thresher is heard in the land.

J. K. Hinkle discovered a gold mine while ascending the Allegheny Mountain. He has already obtained \$300 or more of the pure stuff.

Frank and Leslie Ervine have returned from Horton where they have been lumbering.

The funeral sermon of Charles Collins will be preached by Rev C. C. Arbogast, on Sunday, August 30, at 11 o'clock, on Top of Allegheny at the old church.

Rosco Brown has killed thirteen large rattlesnakes this season.

Bicycles are becoming rather numerous in and about our town.

Besides the tournament, which will convene on September 9th there will be a sham battle, sack races and speeches on chivalry, for the entertainment of the people.

Funeral services of Robert Ervine were conducted by Rev C. C. Arbogast, was largely attended, and an able sermon preached from the text found in Matthew viii, 11. BIG FOOT.

Rides Horseback at 77 Years.

A. T. Townsend, Wier, Mississipi, says: My mother was visiting me and while here was taken ill. The best doctor in the county was called in and at the end of ten days said she could not live. I had tried Ramon's Liver Pills myself and in my family and I insisted on her trying one. So at 6 o'clock p. m. she took one of the Pink Pills and at next 7 a. m. she called for something to eat. I contained with pills and in a week she was well and has been in fine health ever since. She is now 77 years old and can ride on horseback anywhere—something she has not done for years. Any citizen in town will verify this statement. There are twenty boxes of Ramon's Pills sold in this section to one of any other kind.

Levizz & Company, whose camp is at the mouth of Stamping creek, had a small strike also. He could not get his tools on, and he went to clearing the trees off of the right of way. The negroes he had were unused to such work and they made very painful progress chopping. Finally they all quit except five, declaring they had come out to dig and not to cut wood.

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### CONSTRUCTION WORK.

#### Facts and Fancies Concerning the Railroad.

Last year the stretch of water by the Burnside place opposite Academy was favorite fishing water for the writer. A succession of moderately deep pools formed ideal homes for bass, and they were to be found there in great numbers. Not a little of its charm was due to the absolute seclusion of the place. The appearance of the place is greatly changed. The trees have been cleared away to a distance of one hundred feet from the water's edge, and the trees lie piled in the water. We fished there the other day in sight of a gang of laborers and realized that the conditions of the Greenbrier river were changed. As far as the eye could reach the monotonous clearing of the same width extended, letting the sun in on the river. The most skeptical believe that in another year the Tug will come stealing down to the mouth of a hollow on the Greenbrier river and look out for the locomotive.

Whed the new railway is completed, the stranger traveling on it will form a poor conception of what the Greenbrier Valley is really like. The river has very little bottom land, and the valley proper at all points is narrow and the hill-sides uniformly poor. The narrow bottoms are, as a general thing, very unproductive pieces of land, and very few people live on the river. This is what the stranger will see, but to the west on top of the river ridges lie the Big and Little Levels, a farming and grazing country equal to the best portions of the Valley of Virginia or Kentucky.

It is a lasting regret with the people of this section that the character of the country will be judged by what can be seen from the car windows, but this is not the first section which has been thus traversed by a railroad, by any means.

In about a month the work will be in full blast. A great many men are at work already in Greenbrier, but the contractors are a little slow about coming into Pocahontas. A whole train load of carts and mules were unloaded at Ronceverte last week and proceeded by way of the turnpike, turning off to the river at Falling Spring. The sound of blasting can be heard very distinctly in the Levels from the neighborhood of Falling Spring. There have been labor troubles in the camps below. The Italian contractors at Burnside's brought on thirty-five hands from Baltimore and prepaid their expenses charging them \$20 each.

When they arrived here it was found that most of them did not know enough about hard labor to even have a distaste for it. Four of them attempted to steal away—which was perfectly lawful—but they also stole some clothes from their companions in adversity. This enabled the strong arm of the law to interpose, and special constable R. K. Burns captured them at Falling Spring and brought them back. A fine of \$3 each with costs was imposed by Justice Curry, and the darkies agreed that they would work out their fines and expenses of the hunt if they were not sent to jail. They were put to work with special officer Burns guarding them at a salary of \$2 per day.

Friday morning after the hands had done five days' work the most of them struck for higher wages, demanding \$1.50 per day instead of \$1.25. There was a good deal of excitement at the camp, and Mr Carzza, one of the firm, said he thought all the bosses were going to be murdered. He appeared at Academy later in the day and astonished a private citizen considerably by demanding a permit to carry a pistol. It is supposed he took him for a justice of the peace.

The firm refused to accede to the demand for higher wages, and about two-thirds of the hands quit work. This left them one gang which was working away cheerfully last Saturday. Mr D. Morelli, another partner, is in Philadelphia looking for Italian laborers.

A large number of teams from the surrounding country came in the first of last week to work at 30 cents an hour, but on being cut down to 25 cents an hour they all quit with the exception of one team. It is quite certain the contractors can not hire good teams in this country for less than \$3 a day. In spite of the strikes Julian, Carzza & Co. made a fine showing for the week on the fill they are working on and the side-hill work.

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killed by a blast. He was about a quarter of a mile away and a rock about the size of a man's fist struck him on the head, killing him instantly. He was a native of Greenbrier.

At Burnside's a negro was badly hurt. A lot of them were lifting a heavy rock when they all let go except the victim. The rock came down on his leg, severely bruising it. He had to quit work.

The Ferguson Construction Co. has been awarded the contract for thirty miles of road-bed above Marlinton.

W. B. Strand, a sub-contractor, has five miles immediately below Marlinton.

We understand that the St. Lawrence Company is protesting against the vast amount of untrimmed timber which is being cut and thrown in the river above their booms.

Captain Peters has the contract for cutting ten miles of the right of way above Falling Spring. He said he told the railroad men that there were no snakes in this country to amount to anything, and they had not worked ten minutes before they killed two copperheads.

The work of clearing the right of way is let by the acre, and is exactly like clearing land for crops with the exception that very little is burned.

The most trying work for the grader is hillside excavation, the soil of which is too loose to admit of the use of dynamite and too rough to be plowed. There is no way except to use pick and shovel, removing the stumps with dynamite. Cliffs are easily removed with dynamite.

Allan R. Kinnison closed with the railroad company for the right of way at \$2040; the company is to build him a road out and he is to release his right to fences. He owns a long, narrow farm on the banks of the river, the bottoms being something like three to five hundred feet in width and over a mile long. He is a good farmer and has his place in a good state of cultivation. The centre of the line runs through his house, which is a comfortable residence of a story and a half, and over